

skirted by the Waccamaw River on the east and north, which river is navigable for large flat boats to Old Dock, which is located above the swamp. High, long straw, piney lands almost surround it. County roads skirt it on all sides.

This swamp has been plundered to some extent. I have made R. A. Hannawacker pay for cypress shingles gotten on the Board's lands, and a suit is now pending against several other parties for trespass on same lands.

I regard this a valuable swamp, both for timber and agricultural purposes.

Copies of all the field notes of this survey and a map of the swamp are on file in the office of State Superintendent Public Instruction.

SEVEN CREEKS BAY, COLUMBUS COUNTY.

This swamp is about an average distance of four miles from Simmons' Bay and lies to the south and west of it.

The survey of this swamp was commenced May 3d, 1886, and abandoned July 1st, 1886.

The survey was made on representation of citizens living on Seven Creeks, who very much overvalued the Board's interest both as to timber and lands. I ascertained from actual surveys, that most of the Seven Creeks Bay is covered with patents to such an extent that the Board's interest was not sufficient to justify the expenditure of money in making a complete survey; consequently I stopped the survey and proceeded to more important work.

I would respectfully recommend that all lands of the Board lying in Seven Creeks either be offered for sale or made subject to entry. The Board's lands there are in detached bodies and pretty well surrounded by grants already issued by the State. This renders the sale of the swamp in a body impracticable.

WHITE AND BROWN MARSHES, COLUMBUS COUNTY.

In July, 1886, I made a full and complete reconnoissance of these swamps, and found the land covered with patents of vari-